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Whatcom Community Foundation Competitive Grant Round New Deadlines and New Process for Applicants

Whatcom Community Foundation (WCF) is announcing a change in its competitive grant process that will now require the submission of a Letter of Interest (LOI) on January 7, 2008. This is a new step in the application process which is intended to streamline the application process for local non profit organizations.

WCF is a nonprofit, publicly-supported philanthropic institution that manages a pool of charitable funds whose income is used to meet the changing needs of the greater Whatcom County community. WCF serves as a funding partner to area nonprofits that engage in community-building projects in Whatcom County and conducts an annual competitive grant round.

Interested non profits will now need to submit a LOI by January 7, 2008. Non profit organizations selected to complete a full grant application will be notified by February 1, 2008. More details can be found on the WCF website at www.whatcomcf.org.

Whatcom Community Foundation has \$64,690 available to grant for 2008 in the following fund categories: \$20,517 is unrestricted, \$10,681 for arts and culture, \$7,674 for children with special health care needs, \$11,490 for the environment, \$2,558 for mental health, \$1,000 for preschool or elementary education, \$3,791 for charitable programs in the South Fork area, \$3,884 for youth and families, and \$3,095 for youth development.

“We believe this new procedure will reduce the amount of work and simplify the process for our applicants and hopefully encourage applications in all of our fund categories,” said Karen Funston, WCF Grants and Program Chair.